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### **Completion of New Project Marks Most Significant Upgrade on U.S. 101 at Tully Road Since 1950s**

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY** – Caltrans, the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), and the city of San Jose today announced the completion of a \$45 million project that will relieve chronic traffic congestion on U.S. 101 at Tully Road in San Jose.

The \$45 million project includes \$17 million from Proposition 1B, a transportation bond passed by voters in November 2006, \$4 million from the Recovery Act, and \$24 million in regional, state and local funding.

“Long-term investment in public infrastructure creates jobs and generates growth in many sectors of the economy,” said Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty. “Caltrans worked closely with our partners to deliver this traffic congestion relief project as quickly as possible for the people of the Bay Area.”

The project constructed an additional lane on southbound U.S. 101 from south of Story Road to north of the Capital Expressway and a southbound merging lane from Tully Road to Capital Expressway. In addition, the entire Tully Road /U.S. 101 interchange was replaced and now features new traffic signals and wider off-ramps.

“It is through focused efforts and strong collaboration between federal, state, and local governments that enabled the successful completion of this project,” stated Bijan Sartipi, Caltrans District 4 Director. “The partnering efforts between Caltrans, VTA, and the city of San Jose will provide both short-term and long-term benefits to the region as well as the entire state.”

“This project will go a long way toward eliminating bottlenecks and improving safety on U.S. 101,” said Santa Clara County Supervisor and VTA Chair Ken Yeager. “The additional projects currently underway at the Capital Expressway and Yerba Buena will complete the transformation of this busy corridor.”

As of 2012, there are 1.8 million people in Santa Clara County, with about 970,000 living in San Jose, the tenth largest city in the nation. By 2015, the population of San Jose is expected to grow to more than one million.



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“The 101 Improvement Project at Tully Road updates a portion of the freeway that hadn’t been changed since the 1950s. San Jose has developed and grown since then, and the resulting congestion is finally being relieved. This is an example of public money being put to good use, improving safety and quality of life for the people of San Jose,” said Vice Mayor Madison Nguyen.

To date, more than \$13 billion of Proposition 1B funds have been distributed statewide. California has also put more than \$2.2 billion of \$2.6 billion in Recovery Act funding back into the state’s economy. This includes nearly 1,000 highway, local street and job training transportation projects.

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